Administered prices of fertilizers

*155. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to hike the administered prices of fertilizers each year in tune with the increase in input prices; and

(b) if so, what is the final decision, if any, taken in this regard stating the formula, if any, for fixing prices of fertilizers in consonance with the prices of the inputs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO); (a) At present there is no such decision,

(b) In view of reply to (a) above, question does not arise.

Production of Tobacco

*156. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the procedure adopted by the Tobacco Board to fix the production target of tobacco;

(b) what steps are being taken to achieve production target;

(c) in what manner is it ensured that all the concerned viz. cigarette manufact-urers, traders, exporters and growers ab-ide by the norms; and

(d) what steps are being taken against the erring parties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRJBUTON WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CO MERCE SHRI KAMALUDDIN A MED): (a) The Tobacco Board asses the demand for Virginia tobacco wit the country and the potential for expo and arrives at The net requirement af taking into account the carry over stoe To arrive at a relisti'c assessment, the I ard holds detailed consultants with 1 representatives of the cigarette manufa urers, the exporters and the growers.

(b) The Tobacco Board Act, 1975 a the Rules made thereunder lay down proceddure to ensure that the productii matches the size of the crop auhorised the Board. The Tobacco Board duly regi ters and authorises for each crop t quantity of tobacco to be raised by grower. Each barn used for durii tobacco is also duly licensed. The pro lem has been not of achieving the produi tion target, but rather of excess produ tion in some years.

(c) and (d) The norms regarding pin ducticn and sale are widely publicise through media, and emphasised in mee ings with growers etc. Anyone producin or selling tobacco, except as provide under the Tobacco Board Act and th Rules thereunder, is liable to prosecutioi However, the Tobacco Board has ten(ed to take a lenient view in the matte of excess production.

Minappropriation of Jawahar Rozga Yojana Funds in Panchayats

*157. SHRI MENTAY PADMANA BHAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER b pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no Gov ernment official has visited single J.R.Y work site in any State in 1991-92 and 1992-93 to ensure proper utilisation of funds under the scheme; and

(b) if so, what steps are taken to prevent misappropriation of funds allo tted under JRY?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL

DEVELOPMENT): (SHRI RAMESH WAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) A num ber of Stale and Central Government officials have visited JRY works in different States during 1991-92 and 1992-93. Since JRY is implemented by about 2.20 lakhs village Panchayats all over the country, the State Governments have drawn up a programme of inspection of these works by senior officers, from the State|District|Block level who are required to inspect the works in the villages|district at a frequency decided by the State Level Coordination Committee. This is supplemented by the visits of Central Government officers from the Ministry of Rural *Development, who* have *been* assigned hpecific areas for such visits and follow-up. Monthly and quarterly reports are prescribed for a regular flow of information from the districts to the State and the Central Governments to monitor the performance of the programme periodically.

The system of checks and balances is built into the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) to prevent misutilisation of funds. Under the JRY Manual the resources under JRY allocated to the village Panchayats are kept in a bank or a post office in an exclusive and separate savings bank account to be operated jointly by the Sarpanch and another person nominated by the Panchayat. Every drawal from the bank is required to be authorised in the meeting of the village Panchayat. The account of DRDA|Zilla Parishads |Gram Panchayats are subjec ted to a regular audit on the basis of which further funds are released. Meet ings of the village Panchayats are to bet held every month on a fixed date and time in which every member of the village community can raise any issue regarding implementation of JRY. Where the village Panchayats are not in existence, their share of funds will have to be passed on to the concerned Block. Samiti which will be responsible for implementing the JRY in these Panchayats through "administrators" appointed for the purpose.

Appointment of Retired Officers

*158. SHRI MATANG SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the names of retired officers appointed in the Office of Director General of Tourism|I.T.D.C. during the last two years;

(b) what are the grounds on which such appointments were made; and

(c) whether officers previously wor king in those Departments|I.T.D.C. were also considered for appointment on those posts and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on then Table of the House.

Statement

S. No.	Name	Organisation from which retired	Post to which appointed	Ground for Re-employment
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Sh. Anoop Singh	Ministry of Railways	Consultant Department of Tourism	To advice on improving facilities and attractions of special tourist trains and introduction of new tourist trains on selected circuits. This expertise was not available within the Department.